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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: K. SHIMOOKA et al (see attached)

For:  
DATA PROTECTING APPARATUS AND METHOD,  
AND COMPUTER SYSTEM

Enclosed are:

8 Sheets of Drawings

This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.

Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2003-154870 (which is hereby filed May 30, 2003).  A certified copy is attached herewith. incorporated by reference)

Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and  discussed in the specification or  attached Information Disclosure Statement.

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